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# PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT



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**MISSION 8044**  
**17 SEPTEMBER 1965**

NPIC/R-324/65  
SEPTEMBER 1965

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AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING  
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PREFACE

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM [REDACTED] MISSION 8044, DATED 17 SEPT 65. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE RIGHT MARGIN OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

SYMBOLS USED TO INDICATE CONDITIONS WHICH AFFECT THE APPEARANCE OF THE TARGET ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY ARE AS FOLLOWS -- C (CLEAR), SC (SCATTERED CLOUD COVER), HC (HEAVY CLOUD COVER), H (HAZE), CS (CLOUD SHADOW), SD (SEMIDARKNESS), O (OBLIQUITY), PQ (POOR IMAGE QUALITY).

AAA DEFENSES ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE BASIC CATEGORIES -- LIGHT (ZPU-2, ZPU-4, AND 37MM), MEDIUM (57MM AND 85MM), AND HEAVY (100MM AND LARGER). WHERE SUCH A CATEGORY CANNOT BE DETERMINED, THE SITE WILL BE LISTED AS AN AAA SITE AND THE NUMBER OF GUNS INDICATED (EXAMPLE 6-GUN AAA SITE, OCCUPIED/UNOCCUPIED).

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APPROXIMATE TRACK OF [REDACTED] MISSION 8044, 17 SEPTEMBER 1965.

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MISSILES

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM SITE

CU 1959N 07550W

SIX UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS (3 WITH MISSILES), 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (6 CANVAS COVERED), 1 TRUCK-MOUNTED CRANE, 3 OTHER VEHICLES, AND A GUIDANCE AREA WITH RADAR AND SHED-COVERED EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA

CU 2003N 07553W

TWENTY-ONE MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 3 FLATBED TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCKS, 100 CARGO TRUCKS, 8 VAN TRUCKS, 2 UTILITY TRUCKS, 15 OTHER VEHICLES, 5 CARGO TRAILERS, 4 FA PIECES, 11 AAA PIECES, AND 35 MORTARS OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA

CU 2104N 07700W

THIRTY MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (6 CANVAS COVERED AND 4 WITHOUT PRIME MOVERS), 6 FLATBED TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCKS, 18 OTHER VEHICLES, AND NUMEROUS MISSILE CANISTERS OBSERVED. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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MALDONADO SAM SITE

CU 2012N 07528W

SIX REVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (3 IN LAUNCH REVETMENTS), AND A GUIDANCE REVETMENT WITH RADAR, 6 VAN TRAILERS, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT OBSERVED. HAZE LIMITS INTERPRETATION.

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CAMAGUEY SAM SITE

CU 2122N 07750W

SIX UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS (2 WITH MISSILES), 7 MISSILE  
TRANSPORTERS, 10 OTHER VEHICLES, AND AN OCCUPIED  
GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.  
HAZE AND OBLIQUITY LIMIT INTERPRETATION.

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HOLGUIN SAM SITE

CU 2052N 07627W

SIX UNREVIEWED LAUNCHERS, 7 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS (3  
CANVAS COVERED AND 2 WITHOUT PRIME MOVERS), 2 CARGO  
TRUCKS, 3 VAN TRAILERS, AND A GUIDANCE AREA WITH RADAR,  
3 VAN TRAILERS, AND SHED-COVERED EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.  
ONE ADDITIONAL LAUNCHER REMAINS ADJACENT TO THE RING  
ROAD.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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SANTIAGO SAM TRAINING AREA

CU 1958N 07551W

ONE SA-2 LAUNCHER, 28 CARGO TRUCKS, 24 VAN TRUCKS, 3  
UTILITY TRUCKS, AND 6 VAN TRAILERS OBSERVED.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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AIR FACILITIES

CAMAGUEY INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD

CU 2125N 07750W

1ST PASS --- AIRCRAFT --- 3 CRATE.  
2D PASS --- AIRCRAFT --- 2 CRATE AND 1 COLT.

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HOLGUIN AIRFIELD

CU 2047N 07618W

AIRCRAFT --- 17 FAGOT/FRESCO AND 8 HOUND (1 AIRBORNE).

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ANTONIO MACEO AIRFIELD

CU 1958N 07550W

AIRCRAFT --- 2 CRATE, 2 C-46, 1 COLT, 4 LIASON, AND 1  
HOUND.

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BAYAMO AIRFIELD EAST

CU 2022N 07637W

AIRCRAFT --- 3 COLT.

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CAIBARIEN AIRFIELD

CU 2230N 07928W

AIRCRAFT --- 3 HOUND.

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NAVAL ACTIVITY/PORTS

SANTIAGO DE CUBA NAVAL BASE AND PORT

CU 2001N 07550W

VESSELS --- 1 LARGE FREIGHTER AND 1 COASTAL TANKER.

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MANZANILLO PORT

CU 2021N 07707W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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NUEVITAS PORT

CU 2132N 07715W

VESSELS --- 1 LARGE FREIGHTER AND 1 LARGE TANKER  
OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

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LA ISABELA PORT

CU 2256N 08000W

VESSELS -- 1 LARGE FREIGHTER.

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CAIBARIEN PORT

CU 2231N 07928W

NO LARGE FREIGHTERS OBSERVED.

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CARDENAS PORT

CU 2302N 08111W

VESSELS -- 1 LARGE FREIGHTER.

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PUERTO PADRE PORT

CU 2113N 07632W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.

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MILITARY ACTIVITY

GUANTANAMO AREA

CU 2018N 07525W

NO NEW MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

AREA 1 -- 70 PERCENT USEABLE COVERAGE.

AREA 2 -- 45 PERCENT USEABLE COVERAGE.

AREA 3 -- 30 PERCENT USEABLE COVERAGE.

AREAS 4 AND 8 -- 90 PERCENT USEABLE COVERAGE.

AREA 5 -- 80 PERCENT USEABLE COVERAGE.

AREAS 6, 7, AND 9 -- 100 PERCENT USEABLE COVERAGE.

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HOLGUIN MILITARY CAMP

CU 2053N 07613W

BOTH AREAS -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

MAIN CAMP -- 19 TANKS/SP GUNS, AT LEAST 100 CARGO

TRUCKS, 40 FA PIECES, 24 AAA PIECES, AND 4 MORTARS.

CAMP 2.2 NM SE -- 14 CARGO TRUCKS, 16 FA PIECES, AND 2

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MORTARS.

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OFELIA MILITARY CAMP

CU 2006N 07530W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES EXCEPT 2 ARCHED-ROOF BUILDINGS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT UTM 18QVT462227. TWENTY-SIX TANKS/SP GUNS, 94 CARGO TRUCKS, 2 BULLDOZERS, 9 OTHER VEHICLES, 11 FA PIECES, 8 AAA PIECES, AND 56 FA PIECES/AAA PIECES/MORTARS OBSERVED. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE IS PROBABLY OCCUPIED. HAZE LIMITS INTERPRETATION. (AMS SERIES E723, SHEET 5076-11, 2D ED)

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REMEDIOS MILITARY AREA

CU 2227N 07935W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. APPROXIMATELY 200 VEHICLES AND 25 PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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ALTO CEDRO MILITARY CAMP

CU 2029N 07600W

ALL AREAS -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. AREAS 1, 2, AND 10 -- VACATED. AREA 3 -- AT LEAST 50 CARGO TRUCKS, 5 FA PIECES, AND 6 MORTARS. AREA 4 -- 25 CARGO TRUCKS AND 17 FA PIECES. AREA 5 -- 17 CARGO TRUCKS, 1 UTILITY TRUCK, AND 15 FA PIECES. AREA 6 -- 20 CARGO TRUCKS. AREA 7 -- 15 CARGO TRUCKS. AREA 8 -- NOT OBSERVED DUE TO GAP IN PHOTOGRAPHY. AREA 9 -- 34 CARGO TRUCKS AND 13 MORTARS. AREA 11 -- 27 CARGO TRUCKS AND 11 FA PIECES.

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CAMAGUEY MILITARY CAMP

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NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
AT LEAST 27 VEHICLES AND AT LEAST 10 PIECES OF  
EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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EL CRISTO MILITARY INSTALLATION

CU 2008N 07547W

BOTH AREAS -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. MAIN  
CAMP -- 24 CARGO TRUCKS, 6 VAN TRUCKS, AND 6 FA PIECES.  
CAMP 1.6 NM NW -- 4 CARGO TRUCKS.

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MACAGUA MILITARY CAMP

CU 2050N 07610W

FACILITIES INCLUDE 5 BARRACKS, 1 ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING, 6 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, SEVERAL SMALL BUILDINGS,  
AND 2 LARGE NON-SOVIET TENTS.  
TWENTY-SIX CARGO TRUCKS AND 16 PROBABLE FA PIECES  
OBSERVED.

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HOLGUIN MILITARY CAMP NW

CU 2057N 07616W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SIXTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS, 14 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 13  
CARGO TRUCKS, AND 12 AAA PIECES OBSERVED.

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DOS CAMINOS MILITARY CAMP

CU 2014N 07547W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SEVENTY-SIX CARGO TRUCKS AND 35 FA PIECES OBSERVED.

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LA VEGUITA MILITARY CAMP

CU 2049N 07615W

CAMP APPEARS ABANDONED.  
NO VEHICLES OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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PUERTO PADRE MILITARY AREA

CU 2111N 07639W

BOTH AREAS -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SUPPORT AREA -- 12 TANKS/SP GUNS, 25 CARGO TRUCKS, AND  
15 ARTILLERY PIECES.  
RANGE AREA -- NO VEHICLES OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
OBSERVED.

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CUABITAS MILITARY CAMP

CU 2003N 07548W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
THIRTEEN PROBABLE TANKS/SP GUNS OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA MILITARY NW

CU 2003N 07554W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO VEHICLES OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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LA QUINTA MILITARY CAMP

CU 2002N 07551W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
ELEVEN CARGO TRUCKS, 11 UTILITY TRUCKS, 6 FA PIECES,  
AND 13 AAA PIECES OBSERVED.

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SANTIAGO DE CUBA PROB AAA TRAINING AREA

CU 2000N 07545W

NO COMOR

1.1 NM SE OF SANTIAGO DE CUBA AT 20-00-38N 075-45-18W  
(UTM 18QVT155128).  
FACILITIES INCLUDE 3 BARRACKS, 1 ADMINISTRATION

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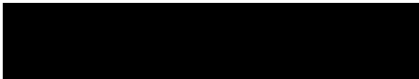
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BUILDING, 3 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND 5 LARGE NON-SOVIET  
TENTS.

TWENTY CARGO TRUCKS AND 15 AAA PIECES OBSERVED. AREA  
CONTAINS TWO 6-GUN AND TWO 3-GUN LIGHT AAA SITES.

(AMS SERIES E723, SHEET 5076-III, 3D ED)

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS OBSERVED-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE LAST COVERAGE--

BAYAMO AIRFIELD	2023N 07637W
CAMAGUEY EW/GCI RADAR SITE	2121N 07751W
HOLGUIN EW/GCI RADAR SITE	2048N 07618W
SANTIAGO DE CUBA EW/GCI RADAR SITE	1959N 07551W
LA SOCAPA LOW SIEVE RADAR SITE	1958N 07552W
SANTA ISABEL FINCA MILITARY CAMP	2005N 07528W
CORRALILLO MILITARY AREA	2301N 08038W
DOS PALMAS POL STORAGE AREA	2006N 07601W
LA MAYA POL STORAGE AREA	2013N 07538W
SIBONEY LANDING BEACH	1957N 07542W
PLAYA YATERITAS LANDING BEACH	1958N 07457W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2307N 08118W
MAR VERDE LANDING BEACH	1957N 07556W

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED--

SANTA CLARA SAM SITE	2229N 08000W
CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD	2229N 07956W
LOS CANOS AIRFIELD	2005N 07509W
CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD	2307N 08117W
SANTA CLARA EW/GCI RADAR SITE	2229N 07956W
PUNTA MAISI LOW SIEVE RADAR SITE	2014N 07409W
VARADERO LOW SIEVE RADAR SITE	2311N 08108W
SANTA CLARA MILITARY ACTIVITY	2220N 07957W
SANTA CLARA ARTILLERY TRAINING AREA	2222N 08000W
SANTA CLARA MILITARY CAMP CUBANACAN	2224N 07952W
HEREDIA MILITARY CAMP	2134N 07800W

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